

The UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) recognise and honour key stakeholders in the railway sector who are leading innovation in social ('people'), environmental ('planet'), and economic ('prosperity') sustainability.

The awards showcase transformative work from stations to trains, from economic resilience to emergency pandemic response, from social outreach to supporting the local environment.

The gala ceremony for The UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards took place on 1 June 2022 in Berlin, Germany.



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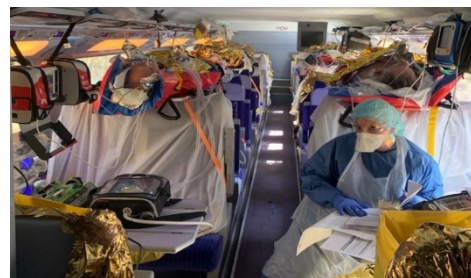
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This poster provides information about the ISRA 2022 winner in the category "Social" "Best contribution to COVID emergency"

## SNCF – MEDICAL TGVs TRAINS

- March 17, 2020: COVID 19 forced lockdown in France → Rail transport reduced to minimum with less than 5% of the normal high speed train service.
- March 24, 2020: the General Directorate for Health asked SNCF to provide transport for patients suffering from COVID 19 in order to relieve the pressure on the hospitals in the Grand Est and Ile-de France regions, those hardest hit by the epidemic, starting "Operation Chardon".
- SNCF Voyages decided to offer free transport on TGVs (high-speed trains) for all healthcare staff involved.
- SNCF Voyages strengthened its partnerships with two French associations, the Samu Social and Les Resto du Cœur: As a result, TGV INOUI donated 3,000 catering products and Intercités 3,150 quilts from the night trains, to help the homeless. This initiative was a "first" in the history of the French rail sector.
- Between March 26 and April 10, 2021: SNCF chartered 10 medical TGVs to carry a total of 202 emergency patients. This made it possible to free up many beds in the overloaded hospitals of the Ile-de-France, enabling them to treat additional patients and therefore to save lives.
- 16 September 2020: The State acknowledges this outstanding commitment. To honour the act of courage and devotion SNCF, on the Chief of Police for Paris awarded the Medal of Honour to 36 railway workers, in recognition of the involvement of their teams and department.



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